









Lougham, with an injured Queen for client, a King for adversary, the British House of Peers for judges, and the whole civilised world for jury, did we not know that before that splendid chance came to him, he must have shuffled and shuffled in base causes, and lent his great powers to many ignominious ends. Beside such a spectacle as that of the riddled Jackpudding of a country houth mugging for the laughter of a crowd of beery yokels, rises, by comparison, to the stature of a Man.—Hawth.

## TONQUIN.

It seems generally admitted that, if they knew how to govern it, the French have in Tonquin a very valuable possession. As much might be inferred, in fact, from old writers like Baron and Richard, whose descriptions, if rose-tinted, cannot be wholly imagined. Every man judges by his own standard of comparison; and the missionaries who gave such glowing accounts of the civilisation of the Far East 150 years ago, had left behind a very different Paris from that which has been created by the Haussmanns of the present century. Making all allowance, however, for enthusiasm excited by the spectacle of wealth and luxury greater relatively than it now seems, it is clear that a country which could maintain the considerable armies and the expensive Court which Richard describes, must have had considerable resources. The perpetual war with Annam did much, probably, to exhaust this prosperity; and never since its conquest by Nguyen-anh has Tonquin enjoyed a sufficient period of tranquillity to permit recovery. Rebellions have been frequent; and brigandage, in the East, follows quickly on the heels of political disturbance. It would require a strong Government, at the best, to maintain order on a frontier contiguous to the most turbulent province of China; whereas there has only been, for a century, the weak and uncertain rule of Annamese Viceroys. Add to all this the religious rivalries which Bishop Puginier has lately described for our edification; and the state of things which Garnier found in 1873 may well cease to be surprising.

What might seem more surprising, if we had not sufficiently notorious evidence of French incapacity for colonisation, is the fact, so far, to remedy in any appreciable degree the disorder then prevailing. The recent capture of Messrs. Roque and Costa, and their detention in the highlands pending heavy ransom, constitute a bitterest evidence of the complaints of brigandage which the French put forward to justify their invasion. Eighteen years have passed since Dupuis succeeded in demonstrating the practicability of the Songkoi route, and eight more since Riviere undertook, with an inadequate force, to suppress the brigandage which was alleged to constitute the sole impediment to the development of a prosperous trade. It was the Black Flags who were the origin of all evil; and if the native authority could not control them, the French would! Well, the Black Flags have been removed, the flourishing town which had grown up round their camps at Laok has been razed to the ground, and its inhabitants and their commerce driven across the border on to Chinese soil. But the brigandage seems scarcely less than before! Nor do the pictures that reach us of French relations with the people, whose deliverance from Annamese tyranny was made one of the many plans for annexation, seem to indicate that these have gained very much by the innovation. To a certain extent, no doubt, the French hold on the country has been strengthened; it has been possible to reduce the army of occupation, and the charge entailed on the Home Budget. It is probable that further reductions might be effected, if the unfortunate antagonisms between the civil and military authorities could be allayed, and the two could be induced to consider disinterestedly the real necessities of the situation. For the position, in a military sense, is very much like our own in Egypt. The Tonquinese themselves seem as peaceable and industrious as the Egyptians. The trouble is with turbulent borderers, whom we have to bar out of the delta of the Nile, but whom the French cannot succeed in barring out from the plains of Tonquin.

It is, however, the civil rather than the military administration that is most obnoxious to criticism. Growing prosperity and advancing civilisation are the best remedies for the social and political disorders that usually have their root in social distress. But the deliberate selfishness of the French administration hinders the recovery which might otherwise be anticipated. If there are only to be found, in French Indo-China, a number of officials administering each other, it is because the selfish policy of France prevents the development of commerce and the growth of other interests and requirements. The lessons of Saigon have been forgotten. It has been forgotten how the early attempts to preserve Saigon for Frenchmen involved commercial stagnation and fiscal distress; and how the adoption of a contrary policy led to a speedy improvement in the situation. Less liberal and far more selfish and shortsighted than the Empire, the Government of the Republic reimposed a protective tariff over all Indo-China, in spite of the protest that trade has been choked, the development hindered, and progress generally thwarted. Like the tied house which figures largely among the sources of revenue of English breweries, the colonies of France are forbidden to buy except from the parent source. But whereas the competition of the inn next door, owned by a rival brewer, prevents any increase of price to the customer; there is no such safeguard in Tonquin. The people don't want the dear, excellent goods of Rouen; they want the cheap products of Manchester. But you shall buy from Rouen or not at all. And by the imposition of prohibitive duties, she is able of course to practically accomplish her purpose. It is to no purpose that her representatives in Indo-China, official and commercial alike, point out the evil effect of the policy. What she primarily wants is not to develop Tonquin, but to sell certain French products; and, instead of accomplishing this by adapting the products to the market, she tries to do it by an artificial adaptation of the market to the products.

It is scarcely surprising to learn that, with all these contributory causes, Tonquin is threatened with a financial crisis similar to that which has been lately trying the commercial solidity of Hongkong and the Straits. Only—whereas the strain resulted in their case from too rapid development, it would seem due in Tonquin to an opposite cause. The Malayan Peninsula has been going ahead faster than the other, being of the Colony, by President, 3rd—That the Hon. A. F. MacEwen be Vice-President. 4th—That the duty of preparing draft Rules and Regulations be entrusted to Mr. Young, and that a subsequent Meeting be called to consider and approve such Rules, and appoint Officers. 5th—That a notification be published in the local papers inviting Gentlemen who wish to become Members to send in their names to Mr. Young without delay. The Undersigned will be pleased to receive the names of Gentlemen desirous of being elected Members of this Club, and it is hoped that the Community will give the Institution their energetic support.

It is drawn by a French pen. Yet the same writer emphasises discoveries which go far to verify the tales of the early writers, to whose descriptions we have referred. Coal is being worked both in Tonquin and Annam; and copper, argentiferous lead, and gold mines have been marked out by applicants for concessions. Everything in fact, as we have said, seems to confirm the value of Tonquin as a possession, if only its rulers knew how a colony should be governed.—L. & C. Express.

## Co-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG CHIVAL SOCIETY.  
THE Society will repeat the Cantata  
RUTH,  
IN ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL,  
THIS EVENING,  
the 25th instant, at 9.15 p.m.

Donations in aid of the Diocesan Home Building Fund will be collected.

The following Solos will be sung at the conclusion of the Cantata:—  
"Arm, Arm ye Brave".....HANDEL.  
"Jerusalem".....PARKER.  
"The King of Love".....GOUNOD.  
Mr. C. H. GRACE.  
Mr. E. W. MAITLAND.  
Mr. SANGSTER will also play the Storm Sonata by Lemmens.  
Hongkong, 25th April, 1890. [660]

ST. JOHN LODGE  
OF HONGKONG,  
No. 618, S.C.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 25th instant, at 8.30 o'clock precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.  
Hongkong, 25th April, 1890. [670]

ZETLAND LODGE,  
No. 525.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above named Lodge will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY NEXT, the 1st May, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.  
Hongkong, 25th April, 1890. [674]

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.  
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"ROHILLA,"  
Captain M. de Horne will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival, with the outward English Mail.

E. L. WOODIN,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 25th April, 1890. [13]

H. FOURNIER & Co.

TENDERS will be received at the Registry of the Supreme Court until the 15th day of May next, for the purchase in one lot of the Stock-in-trade, Goodwill and Book Debts of the FIRM H. FOURNIER & Co. of Queen's Road. For inventory and other particulars, apply to EDW. J. ACKROYD, Official Administrator.  
Hongkong, 25th April, 1890. [673]

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VICTORIA CHAPTER,  
No. 525.

A REGULAR CONVOCACTION of the above Chapter will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TO-MORROW, the 26th inst., at 8.30 p.m. precisely.  
Hongkong, 25th April, 1890. [666]

## Intimations.

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATORY MEETING.  
THE DARVEL BAY TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the above named Company, Queen's Road Central, No. 9, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of May, 1890, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of Confirming the Special Resolution proposed and passed at the last Meeting of the Shareholders held on the 21st instant. A full and complete copy of the Resolution passed at such meeting may be seen on application at the Company's Office.  
Dated the 23rd day of April, 1890.  
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,  
General Managers. [667]

SOCIETE FRANCAISE DES CHARBONNAGES DU TONKIN.

THE GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING will take place at Hongkong on the 31st May, 1890, at the Registered Office in Victoria Buildings, at NOON 12 O'CLOCK.  
Orders of the day.  
Report of the Commissioners.  
Approval of Accounts.  
Election of Director.  
Election of Commissioners.  
BAVIER CHAUFFOUR,  
Managing Director.  
Hongkong, 19th April, 1890. [647]

HONGKONG ATHLETIC CLUB.

AT THE GENERAL MEETING held on the 16th instant, under the presidency of H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, the following Resolutions were passed:—  
1st—That the "Hongkong Athletic Club" be, and the same is, hereby formed.  
2nd—That H.E. the Governor be President, and that the Hon. A. F. MacEwen be Vice-President.  
3rd—That the duty of preparing draft Rules and Regulations be entrusted to Mr. Young, and that a subsequent Meeting be called to consider and approve such Rules, and appoint Officers.  
4th—That a notification be published in the local papers inviting Gentlemen who wish to become Members to send in their names to Mr. Young without delay.  
The Undersigned will be pleased to receive the names of Gentlemen desirous of being elected Members of this Club, and it is hoped that the Community will give the Institution their energetic support.  
W. H. YOUNG,  
Hon. Sec., pro tem.  
Hongkong, 18th April, 1890. [677]

## HONGKONG TRADING CO., LTD.

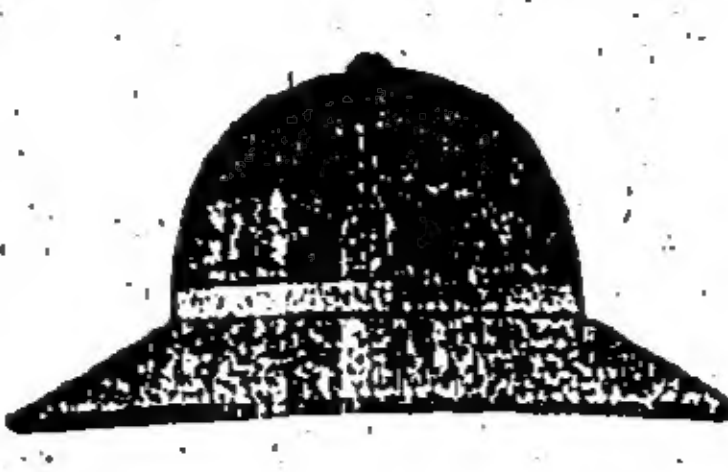
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Hongkong, 19th April, 1890. [135]

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE firm of BIRLEY & Co. at this port has ceased to exist, and the goodwill and business of the firm has been handed over to and will henceforth be conducted by Messrs. HERBERT DENT & Co. of Canton and Macao.  
BIRLEY & Co.  
Canton, 15th March, 1890. [525]

REFERRING to the above all amounts due to and owing by BIRLEY & Co. will be settled by  
KENNETH DOUGLAS ADAMS.  
Canton, 15th March, 1890. [526]

NOTICE.

MR. KENNETH DOUGLAS ADAMS, late of Messrs BIRLEY & Co., Canton, has joined our firm from this date and is authorised to sign the name of the firm.  
HERBERT DENT & Co.  
Canton, 15th March, 1890. [524]

## Consignees.

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "NORTHERN,"  
Capt. Richardson, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.  
The steamer is berthed at Kowloon Piers and "on" impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense and no Fire Insurance will be effected. All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th inst., or they will not be recognised.  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1890. [657]

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship "CHINGWAI,"  
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns, of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before NOON, on the 27th instant, or they will not be recognised.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th inst., at 4 P.M.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 27th inst. will be subject to rent.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. TO-DAY, the 21st inst.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st April, 1890. [649]

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "EXE,"  
Capt. Watson, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.  
The steamer is berthed at Kowloon Piers and Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense and no Fire Insurance will be effected. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, on the 21st inst.  
All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 26th instant, or they will not be recognised.  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 19th April, 1890. [643]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "BELAC,"

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
CHAS. D. HARMAN,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 19th April, 1890. [15]

## Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

TO-MORROW EVENING,

the 26th April.

Under the patronage of  
H.E. FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.,  
Administering the Government.

A CONCERT will be given by the Band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, together with a short Performance by the "Lorne Athletic Club." The proceeds will be devoted to a charitable object.  
The Programme will be published shortly.  
To commence at 9 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained and seats reserved at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd.

PRICES.—Reserved Seats \$1.25; Unreserved Tickets \$1 each. To be obtained at the door, at Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., and from the Officers, Sergeant Major, or Pand Master of the Regiment.  
Hongkong, 21st April, 1890. [653]

## To be Let.

TO LET, AT THE PEAK.

DUNNOTTAR, R. B. Lot No. 20, for 1 year, from 15th April, 1890.

Apply to  
B.,  
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1890. [237]

TO LET.

ROOMS in "COLLEGE CHAMBERS."

9, SEYMOUR TERRACE,  
STONEHENG, Robinson Road, from 1st May.

5, PEDDARS HILL, from 1st May.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, 16th April, 1890. [111]

TO LET.

NO. 3, MORRISON HILL,  
Entry, 1st June.

Apply to  
G. C. ANDERSON,  
13, Praya Central.  
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1890. [658]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in WEST TERRACE,  
Entry 1st May.

Apply to  
G. C. ANDERSON,  
13, Praya Central.  
Hongkong, 20th March, 1890. [511]

TO LET.

ONE LARGE ROOM on the Ground Floor of 13, Praya Central. Suitable for an Office.

Apply to  
G. C. ANDERSON,  
13, Praya Central.  
Hongkong, 28th March, 1890. [649]

TO BE LET.

Just below Peak Flagstaff.

BAHAR LODGE—FURNISHED.

Apply to  
HUGHES & EZRA.  
Hongkong, 17th April, 1890. [612]

TO LET.

FIRST FLOOR of HOUSE, 15, Praya Central.

2ND FLOOR of HOUSE, No. 64, Queen's Road Central.

Apply to  
LAI HING & Co.,  
No. 153, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1890. [669]

TO LET.

FROM the 1st March, ROOMS suitable for OFFICES on the first floor of the PREMISES in Peddars' Street at present occupied by Caldwell, MacGregor & Co.

Apply to  
CRUICKSHANK & Co., Lt.  
Hongkong, 20th February, 1890. [196]

TO LET.

House No. 16, ELGIN STREET.

Apply to  
L. KIRCHMANN,  
No. 4, Ladder Street Terrace.  
Hongkong, 28th February, 1890. [353]

TO LET.

FROM 1st February next, Nos. 53, 55, & 57, PEELE STREET.

Apply to  
EDWARD GEORGE.  
Hongkong, 9th January, 1890. [110]

TO LET.

NOS. 25, 27, 31 and 35, ELGIN ROAD, behind the Old Union Church.

TOP FLOOR of No. 17, Old Bailey Street.

Apply to  
ACHEE & Co.,  
17, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 15th April, 1890. [154]

## Intimations.

SOCIETE FRANCAISE DES HOUILLERES DE TOURANE.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed that the FIRST MEETING will be held at Haiphong, TO-MORROW, the 26th Day of April, 1890.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st April, 1890. [655]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE KWON KWAN YEN CHALLENGE CUPS, value \$200 and \$100 respectively. Also two Consolation Cups value \$100 each.

The 1st Stage of the Eighth Competition will take place TO-MORROW, the 26th instant, at 3 p.m. commencing at 300 yards. Entrance Fee 30 cents.

A Launch will leave the P. & O. Wharf at 2.45 P.M., to take over intending Competitors.

The Second Stage will be shot off on Saturday, the 27th May.

CHAS. V. LADDS,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1890. [58]

WANTED.

By a quiet, respectable, young man, permanent BOARD and LODGING with an English Family. No other boarders taken preferred.

Apply to  
SOL-FE,  
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 19th April, 1890. [656]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that A SPECIAL or EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this Company will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 31st day of May next, at noon, for the purpose of considering, and, if approved, of passing the following Resolutions:—

1.—That the Capital of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be increased from \$7,500,000 to \$10,000,000 by the creation of 25,000 New Shares of \$125, to be issued at the price of \$42 10s. Eastern Shareholders to pay for their allotments at the current rate of the day for Demand Bills on London.

2.—That the said New Shares be in the first instance, in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe for that purpose, offered to the Shareholders in the proportion of one New Share for every three Shares of which on the 31st May, 1890, they shall respectively be the Registered Holders, and that any New Shares not accepted by the Shareholders within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose, be disposed of and allotted by the Directors in such manner and at such price as in their discretion they shall think best in the interest of the Company.

3.—That payment of the sum of £42 10s. per share for each of the said New Shares be made as follows, viz:—  
£10 12s. 6d. on the 30th day of June, 1890  
£10 12s. 6d. " 30th " Sept. "  
£10 12s. 6d. " 31st " Dec. "  
£10 12s. 6d. " 31st " March, 1891.

4.—That the Directors issue to Shareholders holding shares not a multiple of Three a Fractional certificate in respect of each share in excess of or below such multiple, and allot one new share to every person who shall produce three such Fractional Certificates on or before the 30th June, 1890, and pay the first instalment in respect thereof.

5.—That after payment of the first instalment and pending payment of the future instalments, Scrip Certificates in such form as the Directors may determine be issued in respect of such New Shares, entitling the Holders on payment of the remaining instalments, and subject to such other terms as to approval, date for lodging Scrip Certificates, and otherwise as the Directors may prescribe to be registered as the Holders of the Shares represented by such Scrip Certificates respectively.

6.—That interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum (free of income tax) be allowed on (if the profits of the Company on all instalments paid in advance of the dates when the same become due and that from the 30th June, 1890, Holders of Scrip Certificates be entitled to participate in future dividends, in proportion to the amount of instalments paid up on an equality with the other Shareholders of the Company.

7.—That interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum be charged on every instalment which shall not be punctually paid, and be paid with such instalments.

8.—That all moneys received from premiums on the said New Shares be added to the Reserve Funds.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
WADE GARDNER,  
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1890. [570]

CAPTAIN GEORGE TAYLOR,

INLAND SEA and JAPAN COAST PILOT.

Telegraphic Address: POWERS,

Hongkong, 8th April, 1890. [571]

W. S. MARTEN,

ARTISTIC DECORATOR,

2, DUDDELL STREET,

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1890. [574]

NOTICE.

W. S. MARTEN, having commenced business as an ARTISTIC DECORATOR, at No. 2, Duddell Street, trusts to receive the patronage of those who require artistic house decorating.

Mr. MARTEN has decorated most of the Hotels, Clubs, Banks, etc., in the Far East, and his work is therefore well-known to the public. First-class Workmen, only employed and the best materials used—all work being carried out under Mr. Marten's personal supervision.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1890. [575]

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DEAKIN BROS. & Co.,  
16 Bund, Yokohama,  
next door to  
Farsari's Photograph Studio.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1890. [577]

## Intimations.

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATORY MEETING.

THE SONGE KOYAH PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.



## Commercial.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—197 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$100 per share, sellers.  
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$73 per share, sellers.  
 North China Insurance—Tls. 355 per share, buyers.  
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$125 per share.  
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 96 per share.  
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.  
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$360 per share, sellers.  
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$84 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$52 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$361 per share, buyers.  
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—105 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$200 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$501.  
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—25 per cent. dis. buyers.  
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$62 per share, sellers.  
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$216 per share, sellers.  
 Luson Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$88 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$102 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$31 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$14 per share, sellers.  
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$21 per share, buyers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2½ per cent. premium, sellers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.  
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$115 per share, buyers and sellers.  
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.—\$25 per share.  
 Punjoni and Sunghie Dui Samantan Mining Co.—\$11 per share, sales and sellers.  
 The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$14 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$82 per share, sellers.  
 Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—\$400 per share, buyers.  
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—20 per cent. prem. sellers.  
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$22 per share, sellers.  
 The Sengai Koyah Planting Co., Ltd.—\$22 per share, buyers.  
 Cruickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, nom.  
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.  
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—par, nominal.  
 The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—\$38 per share, sellers.  
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Ltd.—\$18 per share, sellers.  
 The Green Island Cement Co. (Old Issue)—\$43 per share, nominal.  
 The Green Island Cement Co. (New Issue)—\$3 per share, nominal.  
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$92 per share, buyers.  
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Ltd.—\$6 per share, nominal.  
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$25 per share, buyers.  
 The West Point Buildings Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, buyers.  
 The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$20 per share, sellers.  
 The Labuk Planting Co., Ltd.—\$18 per share, nominal.  
 The Jebleu Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$5 per share, buyers.  
 The Selama Tin Mining Co., Ltd.—\$21 per share, buyers.  
 The Shamshen Hotel Co., Ltd.—\$5 per share, nominal.  
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$16 per share, buyers.  
 The Hongkong Marine, Limited—par, nominal.

## ON LONDON.

Bank Bills, on demand ..... 3/4  
 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 3/3  
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/3  
 Credits at 4 months' sight ..... 3/3  
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/4

## ON PARIS.

Bank Bills, on demand ..... 4/10  
 Credits at 4 months' sight ..... 4/18  
 ON INDIA, T. T. ..... 220  
 On Demand ..... 222

## ON SHANGHAI.

Bank T. T. ..... 72½  
 Private, 30 days' sight ..... 72½

## OPUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul ..... \$520  
 (Allowance, Tails 16 to 48).  
 OLD MALWA, per picul ..... \$530 to \$550  
 (Allowance, Tails 16 to 48).  
 NEW PATNA, (without choice) per chest ..... \$490  
 NEW PATNA, (first choice) per chest ..... \$492½  
 NEW PATNA, (bottom) per chest ..... \$500  
 NEW PATNA, (second choice) per chest ..... \$497½  
 NEW BENARES, (without choice) per chest ..... \$497½  
 NEW BENARES, (bottom) per chest ..... \$497½  
 NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul ..... \$500  
 OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul ..... \$495  
 OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul ..... \$495

## MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.  
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Rohilla*, with the outward English mail, left Singapore on the 21st instant at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on the 27th.  
 THE AMERICAN MAIL.  
 The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 5th instant, left Yokohama on the 24th at daylight, and is expected here on the 30th.  
 THE INDIAN MAIL.  
 The steamer *Arratoon Apar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 20th instant, and is due here on the 26th.

## STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Navigazione Generale Italiana steamer *Bormida*, left Singapore on the 20th instant, and may be expected here on the 27th.  
 The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Glennah*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the morning of the 21st instant, and is due here on the 27th.  
 The *Shibui* line steamer *Monmouthshire*, from London, left Singapore on the 24th instant, and is due here on the 30th.

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

24th April, 1890.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Barometer at sea level.	Thermometer at 5 fms. from ship.	Thermometer at surface.	Wind.	Direction.	Force.	State of sky.	Direction of surface current.	Force of surface current.	Direction of bottom current.	Force of bottom current.
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1

25th April, 1890.—At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Barometer at sea level.	Thermometer at 5 fms. from ship.	Thermometer at surface.	Wind.	Direction.	Force.	State of sky.	Direction of surface current.	Force of surface current.	Direction of bottom current.	Force of bottom current.
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1
Wai-kei-wook	30.00	80.00	80.00	SE	1	1	bc	SE	1	SE	1

The barometer has risen and gradient is steep for north-east winds over the Formosa Channel, but very slight over the China Sea. Cloudy, rather warm, and damp weather prevails, with some rain.

Temperature reduced to level of the sea in local, surface, and hundred fathoms. —Temperature in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit. —Humidity in percentage of saturation. —Direction of the wind in two points. —Force of the wind according to Beaufort scale. —State of the weather. —Direction of surface current. —Force of surface current. —Direction of bottom current. —Force of bottom current.

W. D. DODD.

## HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Geo. Falconer & Co.'s Register, Today.)	Barometer—9 a.m.	Thermometer—9 a.m.	Thermometer—3 p.m.	Thermometer—6 p.m.	Thermometer—9 p.m.	Thermometer—12 a.m.	Thermometer—1 p.m.	Thermometer—2 p.m.	Thermometer—3 p.m.	Thermometer—4 p.m.	Thermometer—5 p.m.	Thermometer—6 p.m.	Thermometer—7 p.m.	Thermometer—8 p.m.	Thermometer—9 p.m.	Thermometer—10 p.m.	Thermometer—11 p.m.	Thermometer—12 a.m.
Barometer—9 a.m.	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Thermometer—9 a.m.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Thermometer—3 p.m.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Thermometer—6 p.m.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Thermometer—9 p.m.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Thermometer—12 a.m.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Thermometer—1 p.m.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Thermometer—2 p.m.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Thermometer—3 p.m.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Thermometer—4 p.m.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Thermometer—5 p.m.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Thermometer—6 p.m.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Thermometer—7 p.m.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Thermometer—8 p.m.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Thermometer—9 p.m.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Thermometer—10 p.m.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Thermometer—11 p.m.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Thermometer—12 a.m.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00

## Shipping.

## ARRIVALS.

INCRADAN, German steamer, 894 R. Massmann, 24th April—Chefoo 17th April, Beas—Wieler & Co.  
 BASUTO, British bark, 366, Mathews, 24th April—Whampoa 23rd April, General—Wieler & Co.  
 SOOCHOW, British steamer, 909, T. Quail, 25th April—Saigon 19th April, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.  
 BENLAWERS, British steamer, 1,515, Alex. Webster, 25th April—Saigon 21st April, Rice and Batavia, Livingston & Co.  
 SUNGKIANG, British steamer, 994, C. B. Dodd, 25th April—Tientsin 17th April, Chefoo 19th, and Swatow 24th, General—Butterfield & Swire.

## CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

*Fushui*, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.  
*Nierstein*, German steamer, for Chefoo.  
*Strathleven*, British steamer, for Saigon.  
*Argay*, British steamer, for Saigon.

## DEPARTURES.

April 24, *Yehsin*, Chinese str., for Whampoa.  
 April 24, *Asagao*, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.  
 April 25, *Saghalien*, French str., for Shanghai.  
 April 25, *Nierstein*, German str., for Chefoo, &c.  
 April 25, *Strathleven*, British str., for Saigon.  
 April 25, *Fushui*, Chinese str., for Saigon.  
 April 25, *Asagao*, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.  
 April 25, *Saghalien*, French str., for Shanghai.  
 April 25, *Nierstein*, German str., for Chefoo, &c.  
 April 25, *Strathleven*, British str., for Saigon.  
 April 25, *Fushui*, Chinese str., for Saigon.

## PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Soochow*, str., from Saigon—10 Chinese.  
 Per *Benlawers*, str., from Saigon—Miss M. Foster, and to Chinese.  
 DEPARTED.  
 Per *Saghalien*, str., for Shanghai—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Siegfried, Mr. and Mrs. H. de Souza, Baron van Balveren, Rev. Milano, Messrs. J. D. Humphreys, Low Chin Chan, Tong Sui Che, U. Price, Beckhouse, A. Durant, D. A. de Silva and servant, L. F. Uriate, Chan Ko Ling and servant, Chu Yu Chee and servant, Shun Ying Chay, D. de Rosa, T. J. Anderson, S. E. Goryer, J. H. Garrels, A. S. Garrit, E. W. Gore-Booth, A. M. de Silva, E. Wilkins, Tong Wo Tong, and H. Lubeck. For Kobe—Mr. N. Shinagawa.  
 Per *Asagao*, str., for Nagasaki—6 Japanese.  
 Per *Strathleven*, str., for Saigon—12 Chinese.  
 TO DEPART.  
 Per *Fushui*, str., for Shanghai—14 Chinese.  
 Per *Argay*, str., for Saigon—1 European.

## REPORTS.

The British steamer *Benlawers* reports that she left Saigon on the 21st instant. Had moderate south and south-east winds and fine weather to Gap Rock; thence to port had fresh northerly breeze and thunder with lightning and heavy rain. On the 24th, passed the steamships *Bengal* and *Amoy*, from Hongkong to Saigon, 3 days out, in lat. 12.25, north and long. 109.30 east.

The British steamer *Sungkiang* reports that she left Tientsin on the 17th instant. Had light winds and fine weather to Chefoo; arrived there on the 18th, and left again on the 19th. Had fresh northerly winds and fine weather to North Saddle; thence southerly winds with continuous fog to Swatow; arrived there on the 24th. Left Swatow on the 24th; arrived here on the 25th. Had light south-west winds and rain squalls en route.

## Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE  
 For Swatow and Bangkok—Per *Chowfa* tomorrow, the 26th instant, at 9.30 A.M.  
 For Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Abyssinia* tomorrow, the 26th instant, at 11.30 A.M.  
 For Straits and Bombay—Per *Nizam* tomorrow, the 26th instant, at 11.30 A.M.  
 For Saigon—Per *Mills Maru* tomorrow, the 26th instant, at 2.30 P.M.  
 For Shanghai—Per *Ningbo* tomorrow, the 26th instant, at 3.30 P.M.  
 For Shanghai—Per *Fushui* tomorrow, the 26th instant, at 5.00 P.M.  
 For Yokohama and Kobe—Per *Northern* tomorrow, the 26th instant, at 5.00 P.M.  
 For Swatow, Amoy, and Tamsui—Per *Hailong* tomorrow, the 26th instant, at 5.00 P.M.  
 For Yokohama and Kobe—Per *Agila* tomorrow, the 26th instant, at 5.00 P.M.  
 For Singapore—Per *Dagupan* on Tuesday, the 26th instant, at 9.30 A.M.  
 For Yokohama, and San Francisco—Per *Belgic* on Tuesday, the 26th instant, at 9.30 P.M.

## SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

## STEAMERS.

ABYSSINIA, British steamer, 3610, Geo. A. Lee, 17th April—Vancouver 18th March, Yokohama 5th April, and Shanghai 12th, Flour, &c.—Adamson, Bell & Co.  
 AULIA, German steamer, 1,666, E. Christiansen, 22nd April—Singapore 17th April, General—Stensen & Co.  
 ALBANY, British steamer, 1,489, E. Porter, 20th April—Saigon 16th April, Rice and Paddy.—Adamson, Bell & Co.  
 ARDAY, British steamer, 1,085, Cass, 22nd April—Saigon 18th April, Rice and Paddy.—A. G. Morris.

## BELOIC, British steamer, Wm. H. Walker, 19th April—San Francisco 22nd March, Honolulu 20th, and Yokohama 12th April, Mails and General.—O. &amp; S. S. Co.

CHANGSHA, British steamer, 1,465, Williams, 22nd April—Sydney 4th April, and Townsville 8th, Coals.—Butterfield & Swire.  
 CROWFA, British steamer, 1,057, T. W. Phillips, 21st April—Bangkok 15th April, General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

FAME, British steamer, 117, W. W. Allan—Hongkong Government tender.  
 FUSHUI, Chinese steamer, 1,504, A. Croad, 24th April—Whampoa 24th April, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

GWALIOR, British steamer, 1,602, Francis Cole, 20th April—Bombay 2nd April, and Singapore 14th, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
 GLENARLY, British steamer, 1,410, W. Murray, 21st April—Saigon 17th April, Rice.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

KONG BENGO, British steamer, 862, R. Jones, 24th April—Bangkok 18th April, Rice and Timber.—Yuen Fat Hong.  
 HAILONG, British steamer, 783, F. D. Goddard, 24th April—Tamsui 18th April, Amoy 21st, and Swatow 23rd, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.

LANCLOT, British steamer, 1,564, T. Thomas, 24th April—Saigon 20th April, Rice and Paddy.—Butterfield & Swire.  
 MEMON, British steamer, 825, A. Dorff, 21st April—Saigon 16th April, Timber.—Butterfield & Swire.

MENMUR, British steamer, 1,297, H. Craig, 19th April—Sydney 20th Jan., Brisbane Feb., Townsville 6th, Port Darwin 15th, Banjoewangi 8th March, Sourabaya 31st, Samarang 4th April, and Batavia 11th, Sugar.—Russell & Co.

MIRK MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,080, Sommer, 21st April—Saigon 17th April, Rice—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.  
 NIZAM, British steamer, 1,615, E. G. Andrews, 22nd April—Yokohama 12th April, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

NORTHERN, British steamer, 1,462, Richardson, 22nd April—Singapore 15th April, General.—Russell & Co.  
 PHU-QUOC, French steamer, 183, Vallin, 28th Sept.—Tour